### CITY OF NEWPORT

#### **RESOLUTION NO. 3729**

# A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING DATES FOR AN ELECTION ON WHETHER TO FLUORIDATE THE CITY'S WATER SYSTEM AND SUSPENDING THE PROVISIONS OF RESOLUTION NO. 1165-A

## **Findings**

WHEREAS, on August 23, 1960, the city called for a special election to obtain an advisory vote from the electorate on whether to add fluoride to the city's water system; and

WHEREAS, on November 8, 1960, the voters, by a vote of 1,070 to 1,049, voted to add fluoride to the city's water system; and

WHEREAS, by citizen's petition thereafter, a vote was held on whether to amend the City Charter to prohibit the fluoridation of the city's water system; and

WHEREAS, the proposed Charter amendment failed by a vote of 789 to 704; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 1165-A directed the city to add fluoride to its water system on June 25, 1962; and

WHEREAS, fluoridation of the city's water system, as directed by Resolution No. 1165-A, continued until 2005; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the city, and its citizens, to allow the voters to determine whether the fluoridation of the city's water system shall be reinstated;

Based upon these findings,

## THE CITY OF NEWPORT RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

<u>Section 1</u>. The provisions of Resolution No. 1165-A are hereby suspended until the May 17, 2016, election results have been certified by the Lincoln County Clerk.

<u>Section 2</u>. The City Council will establish the date of January 19, 2016 to adopt an ordinance that will call for an election in and for the City of Newport for the purpose of submitting to the legal voters of the city the question of whether the fluoridation of the city's water system shall be reinstated.

<u>Section 3</u>. The City Council will establish the date of February 1, 2016 to adopt a resolution that will place the question of reinstating fluoride to the city's water system on the ballot of the May 17, 2016 election.

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<u>Section 4</u>. In the event the voters approve the ordinance at the election of May 17, 2016, Resolution No. 1165-A is considered superseded by the ordinance and is hereby rescinded effective on the date the Lincoln County Clerk certifies the results from the May 17, 2016 election.

<u>Section 5</u>. In the event the voters disapprove the ordinance, at the election of May 17, 2016, Resolution No. 1165-A is hereby rescinded effective on the date the Lincoln County Clerk certifies the results of May 17, 2016 election.

<u>Section 6</u>. This resolution is effective on adoption.

Adopted by the Newport City Council on November 2, 2015.

Sandra N. Roumagoux, Mayor

ATTEST:

Margaret M. Hawker, City Recorder